

AGENDA

CANTON BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2005

GARDEN CENTER BUILDING

4:00 P.M.

Reading of the minutes of the October 12, 2005 regular meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Use requests:
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 - B. Great Trail Girl Scouts requesting to use shelters 6 & 7 in Arboretum Park, June 19-23 and shelters 3 & 4 in Stadium Park, June 26-28, 2006 to hold their Summer Fun Days camps.
2. Market Heights Neighborhood Association requesting to have the hillside at Roshong Park landscaped.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

CANTON PARK COMMISSION

BOARD MINUTES

NOVEMBER, 2005

The Canton Board of Park Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, November 2, 2005, at the Garden Center Building.

Present were: Mr. Andy Black, President; Mr. Steve Lamiell, Vice President; and Mr. Douglas V. Perry, Director/Secretary.

The meeting was called to order by President Black at 4:10 p.m.

At this time a motion was made by A. Black to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2005 regular meeting as written. A second was made by S. Lamiell, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

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The Board considered the above requests. They noted a conflict with the Girl Scouts' request of Stadium Park, June 26-28, with the Recreation District's day camps.

A motion was then made by A. Black to approve use A and the Arboretum Park request of use B with an insurance requirement. A second was made by S. Lamiell, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Director was instructed to explain the situation to the Girl Scouts and maybe the two groups could do a joint activity.

- 2. Market Heights Neighborhood Association requesting to have the hillside at Roshong Park landscaped - The Board reviewed the plan submitted by the Neighborhood Association. A motion was then made by A. Black to accept this donation. A second was made by S. Lamiell, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. The Director informed the Board that the Hall of Fame may be requesting to use the 25th & Fulton parking lot during the high school football playoffs.

A motion was made by A. Black to approve the request if one is made, with an insurance requirement, details to be worked out with the Director. A second was made by S. Lamiell, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

2. Request from the Repository and the Women's Expo to place a monument at Westbrook Veterans Memorial Park in honor of all veterans, but especially those local soldiers killed in the war on Iraq.

The Board reviewed the information and drawing provided. A motion was then made by A. Black to grant approval for the plan with final approval to be made when the Board can review the final plan with all engravings the group would like to place on the stone.

A second was made by S. Lamiell, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

3. The Director recommended that since there was now a charge to use the Garden Center building, the reservations be open to private functions Monday thru Friday during established hours and restrictions.

A motion to approve this request was made by A. Black. A second was made by S. Lamiell, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

4. The Director recommended that the Board consider raising the rental charge for the Garaux building to \$100 per day.

A motion to approve this request was made by A. Black. A second was made by S. Lamiell, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

5. The Director informed the Board that the Administration planned on seeking pay increases for City management employees. The Director requested the Board consider authorizing matching increases for Park Commission management employees.

A motion was made by A. Black to grant Park Commission management employees increases equal to other City management employees to be effective the same effective date. The Director then to make any necessary changes to the personnel ordinance with that effective date. A second was made by S. Lamiell, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

6. The Director requesting to attend the OPRA conference in Toledo, February 8-11, 2006.

A motion to approve this request was made by A. Black. A second was made by S. Lamiell, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

7. The Director informed the Board that the Mayor felt our seasonal light up in Stadium Park should be a Park Commission event. She really likes the event and would like to see it grow.

The Board talked about this idea and the possibilities; however, since there was little time before this year's event, there was concern about taking over the event at this late date. The Board did not wish to upset anyone involved in the current planning and felt it better to have a year to plan. The Director was instructed to do what he could to see that the event went as scheduled.

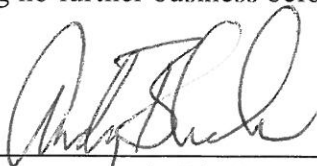
8. The Director informed the Board that he had been invited to a meeting to discuss the potential for drilling for oil or gas on City properties. The Director pointed out to the Board that as many as eleven wells existed in the parks in the past. He would advise them after the meeting as to the discussion.
9. The Director told the Board that it was very difficult to get good summer workers and to get them when we needed them. He requested the Board raise the top rate for summer workers to \$10.00/hr. He wished to start a new summer worker at \$7.50/hr., and if they return the following years, provide a \$.50/hr. increase per year. The rate of pay for summer workers has been at or near minimum wage and most good workers can make better at other places and many do not have to spend their days in the sun running a weed trimmer. The Director stated he needed more college age help to start as soon as possible in May and the increase would help with that need.

The Board instructed the Director to see what the Service Director had to say about this problem and plan and return with this information for the next meeting.

10. The Director pointed out to Mr. Black that his term would expire on December 31 and asked him if he would be willing to serve an additional term. Mr. Black stated if the Mayor would reappoint him, he would be willing to serve another term.

The Director would inform the Mayor.

Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.



Andy Black
President



Douglas Perry
Director/Secretary